

III — GENERAL ASSEMBLY: OVERALL VOTES

VOTING COINCIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES

This section contains tables of the 87 Plenary votes that were recorded at the 65th session of the UN General Assembly. Of the total 87 votes, the United States voted Yes 26 times (30 percent) and No 45 times (52 percent); it abstained on 15 votes (17 percent), and was absent for one.

All General Assembly members voted during the session. The United States voted No in Plenary more often than any other UN member, but did not vote No in isolation on any resolution, after doing so once in 2009 and 16 times in 2008.

The United States voted No with three other countries on two resolutions: with France, Israel, and the United Kingdom on Resolution 55; and with India, Israel, and Pakistan on a preliminary vote for Resolution 59.

The United States voted No with two other countries on eight occasions: with the Marshall Islands and Palau on Resolution 199; with France and the United Kingdom on Resolutions 49, 58, and 71; and with Israel and the United Kingdom on Resolutions 116, 117, 118, and 119.

The United States voted No with one other country twice: both times with Israel, on Resolutions 6 and 109. The only U.S. absence was on a preliminary vote for Resolution 71.

On non-consensus issues, i.e., those on which a vote was taken, the average overall General Assembly voting coincidence of all UN members with the United States in 2010 was 41.6 percent, increased from 39 percent in 2009. In 2008, voting coincidence was 25.6 percent, and in 2007 it was 18.3 percent.

When consensus resolutions are factored in as votes identical to those of the United States, a much higher measure of agreement with U.S. positions is reached – 85.4 percent, up slightly from 84.3 percent in 2009.

TABLES SHOWING COMPARISON WITH U.S. VOTES

The tables that follow are based on the 71 instances the United States voted either Yes or No in Plenary. Columns show the number of times the United States and the pertinent country cast identical (Yes/Yes or No/No) and opposite (Yes/No or No/Yes) votes, as well as the number of times a country abstained or was absent for these 71 votes. Voting coincidence percentages are derived by dividing the number of identical votes by the total of identical and opposite votes, the same method used in all previous editions of this report. The column headed “Voting Coincidence (Including Consensus)” presents the percentage of voting coincidence with the United States after including consensus resolutions as additional identical votes. Extent of participation was also factored in (see Introduction: Format and Methodology).

All countries are listed alphabetically.

Key:

Votes Only = Coincidence percentage only for the 71 GA votes where the United States voted Yes or No.

Votes + Consensus = Coincidence Percentage for the 71 GA votes where the United States voted Yes or No plus a pro-rated portion of all consensus resolutions

COUNTRY	SAME	OPPOSITE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	VOTES ONLY	VOTES + CONSENSUS
Afghanistan	24	46	0	1	34.3%	82.4%
Albania	35	22	14	0	61.4%	91.2%
Algeria	21	48	2	0	30.4%	81.7%
Andorra	35	24	12	0	59.3%	90.5%
Angola	19	43	2	7	30.6%	81.9%
Antigua-Barbuda	23	35	4	9	39.7%	84.6%
Argentina	27	41	3	0	39.7%	84.4%
Armenia	21	36	10	4	36.8%	85.0%
Australia	46	17	8	0	73.0%	93.4%
Austria	33	27	11	0	55.0%	89.4%
Azerbaijan	19	44	5	3	30.2%	82.4%
Bahamas	25	41	1	4	37.9%	83.7%
Bahrain	22	46	3	0	32.4%	82.4%
Bangladesh	23	47	1	0	32.9%	82.2%

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COUNTRY	SAME	OPPOSITE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	VOTES ONLY	VOTES + CONSENSUS
Barbados	24	43	3	1	35.8%	83.4%
Belarus	21	43	6	1	32.8%	83.2%
Belgium	38	23	10	0	62.3%	91.0%
Belize	27	44	0	0	38.0%	83.4%
Benin	21	34	7	9	38.2%	84.8%
Bhutan	17	39	10	5	30.4%	83.5%
Bolivia	21	45	3	2	31.8%	82.4%
Bosnia/Herzegovina	32	29	9	1	52.5%	88.5%
Botswana	24	43	3	1	35.8%	83.4%
Brazil	23	44	4	0	34.3%	83.1%
Brunei Darussalam	23	47	1	0	32.9%	82.2%
Bulgaria	38	23	9	1	62.3%	90.9%
Burkina Faso	20	42	3	6	32.3%	82.7%
Burundi	4	12	2	53	25.0%	79.3%
Cambodia	21	47	2	1	30.9%	81.9%
Cameroon	21	26	22	2	44.7%	88.9%
Canada	46	15	10	0	75.4%	94.1%
Cape Verde	21	37	1	12	36.2%	83.6%
Central African Rep.	20	33	2	16	37.7%	84.1%
Chad	0	2	0	69	0.0%	66.7%
Chile	27	42	2	0	39.1%	84.0%
China	20	47	3	1	29.9%	81.9%
Colombia	22	39	10	0	36.1%	84.7%
Comoros	19	45	2	5	29.7%	81.8%
Congo	22	36	4	9	37.9%	84.3%
Costa Rica	26	43	2	0	37.7%	83.7%
Côte d'Ivoire	18	27	11	15	40.0%	86.6%
Croatia	35	22	13	1	61.4%	91.2%
Cuba	16	48	3	4	25.0%	80.7%
Cyprus	35	29	7	0	54.7%	88.8%
Czech Republic	38	22	11	0	63.3%	91.3%
DPR of Korea	7	53	3	8	11.7%	77.2%
Dem. Rep. Congo	18	21	5	27	46.2%	87.2%
Denmark	38	23	9	1	62.3%	90.9%
Djibouti	23	45	3	0	33.8%	82.8%
Dominica	1	9	4	57	10.0%	80.4%
Dominican Republic	24	42	2	3	36.4%	83.4%
Ecuador	22	46	3	0	32.4%	82.4%
Egypt	22	48	1	0	31.4%	81.8%
El Salvador	22	41	3	5	34.9%	83.3%
Equatorial Guinea	1	1	0	69	50.0%	83.3%
Eritrea	22	45	3	1	32.8%	82.6%
Estonia	37	22	12	0	62.7%	91.3%
Ethiopia	20	41	6	4	32.8%	83.2%
Fiji	23	39	7	2	37.1%	84.5%
Finland	35	25	11	0	58.3%	90.2%
France	40	16	15	0	71.4%	93.6%
Gabon	20	42	4	5	32.3%	82.9%
Gambia	20	44	1	6	31.3%	82.0%
Georgia	33	23	13	2	58.9%	90.7%
Germany	38	24	9	0	61.3%	90.6%
Ghana	22	44	4	1	33.3%	82.9%

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Greece	36	24	11	0	60.0%	90.6%
Grenada	22	42	4	3	34.4%	83.3%
Guatemala	25	41	5	0	37.9%	84.2%
Guinea	19	45	2	5	29.7%	81.8%
Guinea-Bissau	20	44	2	5	31.3%	82.2%
Guyana	23	44	3	1	34.3%	83.0%
Haiti	21	45	4	1	31.8%	82.6%
Honduras	24	42	3	2	36.4%	83.6%
Hungary	37	23	11	0	61.7%	90.9%
Iceland	36	25	10	0	59.0%	90.2%
India	15	44	12	0	25.4%	82.6%
Indonesia	21	47	2	1	30.9%	81.9%
Iran	9	51	6	5	15.0%	79.0%
Iraq	24	45	0	2	34.8%	82.6%
Ireland	34	27	10	0	55.7%	89.4%
Israel	56	5	6	4	91.8%	98.0%
Italy	35	26	8	2	57.4%	89.3%
Jamaica	24	43	3	1	35.8%	83.4%
Japan	34	25	12	0	57.6%	90.1%
Jordan	23	45	3	0	33.8%	82.8%
Kazakhstan	24	44	2	1	35.3%	83.1%
Kenya	19	41	5	6	31.7%	83.0%
Kiribati	2	2	0	67	50.0%	84.6%
Kuwait	23	46	2	0	33.3%	82.5%
Kyrgyzstan	21	33	4	13	38.9%	84.9%
Laos	17	45	4	5	27.4%	81.6%
Latvia	37	22	11	1	62.7%	91.2%
Lebanon	22	46	2	1	32.4%	82.3%
Lesotho	21	43	6	1	32.8%	83.2%
Liberia	23	41	5	2	35.9%	83.9%
Libya	22	48	0	1	31.4%	81.7%
Liechtenstein	36	26	9	0	58.1%	89.8%
Lithuania	38	22	11	0	63.3%	91.3%
Luxembourg	37	25	9	0	59.7%	90.2%
Madagascar	20	42	2	7	32.3%	82.5%
Malawi	24	44	3	0	35.3%	83.2%
Malaysia	23	48	0	0	32.4%	81.9%
Maldives	25	45	1	0	35.7%	83.0%
Mali	20	45	4	2	30.8%	82.4%
Malta	34	29	8	0	54.0%	88.7%
Marshall Islands	47	11	8	5	81.0%	95.4%
Mauritania	22	46	3	0	32.4%	82.4%
Mauritius	16	41	9	5	28.1%	82.9%
Mexico	24	40	7	0	37.5%	84.5%
Micronesia	47	3	6	15	94.0%	98.5%
Monaco	35	21	10	5	62.5%	91.0%
Mongolia	23	41	4	3	35.9%	83.7%
Montenegro	37	25	9	0	59.7%	90.2%
Morocco	24	45	2	0	34.8%	82.9%
Mozambique	17	44	3	7	27.9%	81.1%
Myanmar (Burma)	19	47	3	2	28.8%	81.6%
Namibia	11	35	3	22	23.9%	79.5%

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Nauru	22	3	0	46	88.0%	96.6%
Nepal	24	43	4	0	35.8%	83.5%
Netherlands	38	23	10	0	62.3%	91.0%
New Zealand	35	27	9	0	56.5%	89.5%
Nicaragua	21	48	2	0	30.4%	81.7%
Niger	21	43	5	2	32.8%	83.1%
Nigeria	22	44	4	1	33.3%	82.8%
Norway	34	25	12	0	57.6%	90.1%
Oman	21	48	2	0	30.4%	81.7%
Pakistan	13	48	10	0	21.3%	81.2%
Palau	55	2	8	6	96.5%	99.1%
Panama	29	32	9	1	47.5%	87.3%
Papua New Guinea	25	37	5	4	40.3%	85.0%
Paraguay	21	42	3	5	33.3%	82.9%
Peru	26	40	5	0	39.4%	84.6%
Philippines	20	44	5	2	31.3%	82.7%
Poland	37	23	10	1	61.7%	90.9%
Portugal	37	24	10	0	60.7%	90.6%
Qatar	22	46	3	0	32.4%	82.4%
Republic of Korea	31	23	16	1	57.4%	90.7%
Republic of Moldova	36	24	11	0	60.0%	90.6%
Romania	37	22	12	0	62.7%	91.3%
Russia	19	39	12	1	32.8%	84.4%
Rwanda	23	23	3	22	50.0%	86.9%
St. Kitts and Nevis	21	21	3	26	50.0%	87.4%
Saint Lucia	23	43	0	5	34.8%	82.7%
St. Vincent/Grenadines	20	43	3	5	31.7%	82.5%
Samoa	25	34	9	3	42.4%	86.2%
San Marino	33	26	8	4	55.9%	89.3%
Sao Tome/Principe	21	24	3	23	46.7%	86.6%
Saudi Arabia	21	45	3	2	31.8%	82.4%
Senegal	21	45	5	0	31.8%	82.7%
Serbia	29	29	10	3	50.0%	88.2%
Seychelles	20	13	1	37	60.6%	89.9%
Sierra Leone	22	35	1	13	38.6%	83.6%
Singapore	23	43	5	0	34.8%	83.5%
Slovak Republic	38	22	11	0	63.3%	91.3%
Slovenia	37	25	9	0	59.7%	90.2%
Solomon Islands	26	43	2	0	37.7%	83.7%
Somalia	19	47	0	5	28.8%	80.7%
South Africa	23	45	3	0	33.8%	82.8%
Spain	35	25	11	0	58.3%	90.2%
Sri Lanka	22	47	2	0	31.9%	82.1%
Sudan	22	48	1	0	31.4%	81.8%
Suriname	19	31	4	17	38.0%	84.3%
Swaziland	21	45	3	2	31.8%	82.2%
Sweden	36	25	10	0	59.0%	90.2%
Switzerland	36	27	8	0	57.1%	89.5%
Syria	9	48	7	7	15.8%	79.6%
Tajikistan	18	42	4	7	30.0%	82.1%
Thailand	22	43	6	0	33.8%	83.4%
TFYR Macedonia	36	23	12	0	61.0%	90.9%

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COUNTRY	SAME	OPPOSITE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	VOTES ONLY	VOTES + CONSENSUS
Timor-Leste	24	41	2	4	36.9%	83.6%
Togo	22	44	3	2	33.3%	82.8%
Tonga	26	26	14	5	50.0%	88.9%
Trinidad and Tobago	23	43	5	0	34.8%	83.5%
Tunisia	22	46	0	3	32.4%	82.0%
Turkey	32	32	5	2	50.0%	87.4%
Turkmenistan	18	41	2	10	30.5%	81.7%
Tuvalu	22	44	2	3	33.3%	82.6%
Uganda	3	32	3	33	8.6%	76.3%
Ukraine	36	25	10	0	59.0%	90.2%
United Arab Emirates	22	46	3	0	32.4%	82.4%
United Kingdom	46	16	9	0	74.2%	93.8%
UR Tanzania	23	40	3	5	36.5%	83.6%
Uruguay	25	42	3	1	37.3%	83.8%
Uzbekistan	15	43	4	9	25.9%	81.1%
Vanuatu	23	25	0	23	47.9%	86.3%
Venezuela	20	49	2	0	29.0%	81.4%
Vietnam	19	47	2	3	28.8%	81.4%
Yemen	22	44	2	3	33.3%	82.6%
Zambia	22	44	4	1	33.3%	82.9%
Zimbabwe	21	48	0	2	30.4%	81.3%
Totals and Percentages	4802	6729	1033	997	41.6%	85.4%